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For : ACTIVATION OF MULTIPLE xDSL MODEMS WITH HALF DUPLEX  
AND FULL DUPLEX PROCEDURES

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 19, 2003, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto is extended from November 19, 2003 to December 19, 2003 by a simultaneously filed request for a one-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate extension of time fee, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper, and include attached

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replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement sheets of drawings is attached following page 10 of this paper.